

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE COAL MINES

Concerted Demand for Action Heard From All Over Country

GARFIELD BACKS PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A concerted demand that the Government take over the nation's coal mines is manifest throughout the country today.

Dr. Harry N. Garfield, the fuel administrator, is the leading advocate of Government control. He has taken the position that complete relief from the fuel shortage existing everywhere in the country cannot be expected unless the Government is in a position to do as it pleases with all of the fuel within its boundaries.

Up to the present time the President has not taken a positive stand on the coal question. It is known, however, that he retains an open mind on the question of Government control and operation.

The nation-wide cold wave now prevailing has been made even more distressing in its consequences by lack of fuel in many places. This is especially so in New England.

BLAST IMPERILS MANY IN GEN. WAYNE HOTEL

Bursting Pipe Nearly Wrecks Famous Old Civil War Landmark

A dozen or more diners in the General Wayne Hotel, Manheim street and Germantown avenue, Germantown, the oldest hotel in Germantown, which during the Civil War was used as a recruiting station, narrowly escaped injury this afternoon when a water pipe attached to a stove in the kitchen burst.

EXPLOSION IN COTTON MILL

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 31.—Damage estimated at \$20,000 was caused to the plant of the Estes Mills today when a steel steam kiler filled with cotton exploded.

THIS REAL LIFE STORY SHOULD BENEFIT BANKS

Sadowski's \$560 in Gold Disappears From Bureau Drawer—Boarder Also Gone

This is another of those real life fables, the moral of which is: A bank is a fine place to keep your money.

GLENOLDEN MINISTER RAPS BILLY SUNDAY

Bitter Attack and Criticism of Evangelist and His Methods at Union Meeting

Bitter criticisms of the methods employed by the Rev. "Billy" Sunday in the conduct of his revival in this city and comment as to the permanence of the results obtained thereby featured an interesting and well-attended union meeting today of all the ministerial associations of the city.

PENNIES DELAY WEDDING

Trip for Marriage License Leads to Prospective Bridegroom's Arrest

Five pennies came very near being the "slip twixt the cup and the lip" for Samuel Boretsky, who engaged in an argument with a conductor of a P. R. T. car on his way to secure a marriage license.

CATHEDRAL AT PADUA DAMAGED BY BOMBS

Facade of Historic Structure Shattered by Austrian Airmen's Attack

ROME, Dec. 31.—The facade of the historic old cathedral in Padua was shattered by bombs dropped by Austro-German air raiders on Saturday night.

Head of Guarantee Trust Co. Elected to Board of Directors

Samuel Frederick Houston, vice president of the Real Estate Trust Company, was elected this afternoon president of the Guarantee Trust and Deposit Company.

Havana Entries for Tomorrow

1st race, 5 1/2 furlongs, maiden three-year-olds, claiming, purse \$400.—"Prestige" 106; "Belle" 107; "Twin Star" 109; "King" 110; "Star" 111; "Tono" 112.

ALLIES TO SUPPLY ARTILLERY FOR U. S.

General Crozier Tells Senate Probers England and France Will Meet Deficiency

BLAME LAID ON NATION

Failure to Meet Preparedness Demands Responsible for Present Conditions

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ROBBERY OF HOUSE REVEALED BY FIRE

Blaze Presumably Starts When Thieves Disconnect Slot Meter of Unoccupied Dwelling

A small fire which occurred in the home of Frank Weeks, 444 West Moyamensing avenue, at noon today revealed the fact that the house had been robbed. The family is away and firemen discovered that the front door was barred.

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Pennsylvania Law of Wills

WE have prepared a brief digest of the Pennsylvania Law of Wills, effective after December 31, 1917, which includes the laws governing estates of those dying without a will and the investment of trust funds.

Our Trust Department's services are offered, without charge, to all who may wish further information concerning the law or desire assistance in the preparation of their wills.

This digest will be mailed on request

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WARNING TO GAS CONSUMERS

Gas consumers are warned that we may be unable, temporarily, fully to meet the great increase in the demand for gas, due to cold weather and the shortage of the domestic coal supply.

There is danger of some burners going out when the gas demand is heaviest, and gas coming on again later.

Be sure that all burners not in use ARE SHUT OFF.

Do not go to sleep with any gas burning.

If any burner will not light, be sure to close the gas cock before you leave it.

Do not keep a burner lighted unless some one is in the room.

If you smell gas, examine and shut off all burner cocks. Do not under any circumstances search for a gas leak with a candle or match.

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